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From: Wu, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:52 PM
To: Croxton, Dave; Woodruff, Leigh; Byrne, Jennifer
Subject: FW: ICL Petition on Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL

Here's the response I got from Gene on the Snake River Hells Canyon (cc: to Eric Nigg, the manager of ODEQ's Eastern Regional Office).

From: FOSTER Eugene P [mailto:FOSTER.Eugene@deq.state.or.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Wu, Jennifer; NIGG Eric
Subject: RE: ICL Petition on Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL

Hi Jenny

Based on my knowledge, I do not think that Oregon DEQ has received a petition from ICL regarding the SR-HC TMDL.

The SR-HC TMDL is not currently on the schedule for TMDL development. If we took up development of the SR-HC TMDL we would either need more resources or stop working on one or two TMDLs that we are currently developing.

cheers
Gene

From: Wu, Jennifer [mailto:Wu.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 2:32 PM
To: FOSTER Eugene P; NIGG Eric
Subject: FYI: ICL Petition on Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL

Hi Gene and Eric,

FYI that Idaho Conservation League (ICL) petitioned EPA on March 9, 2015 to review, disapprove, and revise the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL for nutrients (see attached letter). We're in the process of looking at how we'll respond, and I just had a meeting where I was assigned to ask ODEQ a couple of questions.

Some background on the ICL letter, it states that the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL was written to address nutrient problems in the summer, but that nutrients are a year-round problem, and therefore the TMDL must be redone. The Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL was done in 2004 and is now past the 6-year statute of limitations to being challenged. This may be why the petition is in for EPA to review, disapprove, then issue a TMDL. Also, as you probably know, when EPA did Oregon's 2010 list, EPA added nutrients to the 303(d) list for year-round impairments.

So a couple of questions:

- 1) Do you know if Oregon received a petition from ICL on the Snake River-Hells Canyon TMDL? In talking with Marti Bridges at IDEQ, she said that they hadn't received a petition.
- 2) Since Gene and I talk about TMDLs in the works regularly and Snake River-Hells Canyon hasn't come up, I'm assuming this isn't on the schedule of TMDLs to be done. Is that correct? Any thoughts or reactions to revisiting the Snake River-Hells Canyon nutrients TMDL? I also know that DEQ is doing a lot of TMDLs and has other TMDL work planned for the future so am not trying to imply that SR-HC TMDL take precedence over other work.

Thanks for your help, and if you have questions, please let me know. Also, feel free to forward to others as needed.

Jenny Wu

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